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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISTANBUL 2948

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TAGS: SREF, TU, BU, ICEM (VULKOV, ROSEN NIKOLOV)

SUBJECT: FORCIBLE RETURN OF REFUGEE

REF: ANKARA 5916; ISTANBUL 2935 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: DETAILS ON VULKOV'S CONDUCT IN
ICMC REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER,
FURNISHED BY CENTER DIRECTOR, DO NOT SUPPORT
CLAIM THAT VULKOV'S ACKNOWLEDGED
PETTY MISCONDUCT AT CENTER
RESULTED IN GOTPJS RETURNING
HIM INVOLUNTARILY FOR SECOND TIME.
INSTEAD, THEY SEEM TO INDICATE DECISION
AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOT.
END SUMMARY

1. ON MORNING OF AUGUST 3, ICMC
ISTANBUL REPRESENTATIVE DUMICIC
PROVIDED FOLLOWING DETAILS AND BACKGROUND ON SECOND
INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF VULKOV

2. ON MORNING OF AUGUST 2, REFUGEE
CENTER CASHIER REPORTED TO DUMICIC
THAT VULKOV WAS NOT PRESENT
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AT REFUGEE CENTER TO RECEIVE HIS

WEEKLY ALLOWANCE. CHECKING ON
WHEREABOUTS WITH FIRST SECTION
(POLITICAL) POLICE AGENT STATIONED
PERMANENTLY AT CAMP TO OBSERVE REFUGEES'
MOVEMENTS AND MAINTAIN ORDER, SHE LEARNED VULKOV
HAD BEEN PICKED UP AT CAMP
BY FIRST SECTION (POLITICAL) AGENTS
SOMETIME BEFORE 9:00 AM

3. AT 1:00 PM, VULKOV APPEARED
AT ICMC ISTANBUL OFFICE PALE, OUT OF BREATH,
AND OBVIOUSLY FRIGHTENED. TOLD DUMICI HE HAD BEEN
TAKEN TO FIRST SECTION HEADQUARTERS
AND INFORMED HE WOULD BE TURNED
OVER TO FOURTH SECTION FOR
RETURN TO BULGARIA. AT FOURTH SECTION
HEADQUARTERS, WHILE LEAVING POLICE
CAR, HE ESCAPED ON FOOT, AND RAN
TO ICMC OFFICE. HE ASKED DUMICIC FOR
A PASSPORT AND MONEY TO ESCAPE
TURKEY BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING BY SHIP

4. DUMICIC COUNSELED HIM AGAINST
RASH ACTIONS AND ADVISED HIM TO
TURN HIMSELF INTO AUTHORITIES AT
PROVINCE OF ISTANBUL HEADQUARTERS, WHERE
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AUTHORITIES
IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ICMC HAD
PREVIOUSLY PROVED SYMPATHETIC TO HIS CASE.
SHE ALSO CALLED HER VILAYET CONTACT (MINISTRY
OF INTERIOR OFFICIAL WHOM SHE DID NOT WISH
FURTHER TO IDENTIFY), WHO
ADVISED HER TO HOLD VULKOV AT ICMC OFFICE
WHILE HE CHECKED WITH HIS
HEADQUARTERS AT ANKARA TO ASCERTAIN
REASONS FOR POLICE ACTION

5. RETURNING TO ICMC OFFICE AT 2:45 PM,
DUMICIC FOUND FIRST SECTION
AGENTS THERE WHO SAID THEY HAD ORDERS FROM ANKARA TO
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RE-ARREST VULKOV AND AGAIN
TURN HIM OVER TO FOURTH SECTION. AS
SHE HAD NO MEANS TO PREVENT
THEM, AGENTS DEPARTED WITH VULKOV.

6. SHORTLY BEFORE 4:00 PM, HER
CONTACT AT VILAYET CONFIRMED BY
TELEPHONE THAT ORDER FOR

ARREST AND RETURN HAD COME FROM
ANKARA AND THAT NO ACTION TO COUNTERMAND
COULD BE TAKEN LOCALLY. IT WAS AT
THIS POINT THAT DUMICIC NOTIFIED CONGEN

7. FOR ANKARA: DUMICIC HAS HEARD
VAGUE AND UNCONFIRMED REPORT
THAT ON
OR ABOUT JULY 30, MINISTRY
OF INTERIOR ISSUED DECREE THAT ALL
REFUGEES UNDER AGE OF 18 WERE
TO BE TURNED BACK TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.
ALTHOUGH IT IS UNLIKELY
THAT EVEN IF IT EXISTS SUCH ORDER
WOULD HAVE BEEN APPLIED AGAINST VULKOV
SO QUICKLY, EMBASSY MAY WISH
TO INVESTIGATE. BATJER

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